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The U.S. Department of Justice, *Office of Community Oriented Policing Services* (www.cops.usdoj.gov) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding for the Secure Our Schools program. This program furthers the Department's mission by addressing the Department's goal of assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

COPS FY2009 Application Guide: Secure Our Schools Program (SOS)

Eligibility

The Secure Our Schools program is an open solicitation. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority within a partner primary or secondary school are eligible to apply.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted by **May 8, 2009, 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770 or via e-mail at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800.518.4726.

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COPS FY2009 Application Guide: Secure Our Schools Program (SOS)

The COPS Application Guide is designed to assist applicants in applying for COPS grant programs. This Guide includes general information on the administrative and legal requirements governing the Secure Our Schools program, as well as detailed program-specific information.

For more information about COPS grants, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770.



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SECURE OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM (SOS) (CFDA 16.710)

OVERVIEW

COPS Office Overview

The COPS Office was established as a result of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies in jurisdictions of all sizes across the country. Community policing represents a shift from more traditional law enforcement in that it focuses on proactive collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

COPS provides funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and other public and private entities to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies.

We will continue to accomplish our mission by:

- creating innovative programs that respond directly to the emerging needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement, to shift law enforcement's focus to preventing, rather than reacting to, crime and disorder within their communities
- developing state-of-the-art training and technical assistance to enhance law enforcement officers' problem-solving and community interaction skills
- promoting collaboration between law enforcement and community members to develop innovative initiatives to prevent crime
- providing responsive, cost-effective service delivery to our grantees to ensure success in advancing community policing strategies within their communities.

By funding over 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies, the COPS Office has helped create a community policing infrastructure across the nation. Approximately 81 percent of the nation's population is served by law enforcement agencies practicing community policing.

Additional information regarding the COPS Office can be found at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Secure Our Schools Program Overview

A COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant provides funding to state, local, or tribal governments to assist with the development of school safety resources. This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts within their communities. The COPS Office is optimistic that this grant program will help place agencies at the forefront of innovative school safety developments. Funding under this program may be requested for such things as:

- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Security assessments
- Security training of personnel and students
- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

Please be advised that a hold may be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant agency is not in good standing on other U.S. Department of Justice grants, has other grant compliance issues that would make the applicant agency ineligible to receive COPS funding, and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing compliance investigation regarding a current COPS grant award. A hold may also be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant agency is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.

DEADLINE: REGISTRATION

The applicant must register online with Grants.gov by **April 24, 2009**.

DEADLINE: APPLICATION

There will be one application deadline of **May 8, 2009, 11:59 p.m. EDT** for the SOS program. Applications must be submitted online via Grants.gov on or before May 8, 2009, 11:59 p.m. EDT to receive consideration for Fiscal Year 2009 funding, subject to funding availability. Applications submitted after May 8, 2009, 11:59 p.m. EDT will not be considered for funding. All applicants will receive written notification of funding decisions.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Secure Our Schools program is an open solicitation. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority within a partner primary or secondary school are eligible to apply. Please see the Selection Criteria section of this guide for specific information on factors which will impact FY2009 funding decisions. For additional information, please contact your COPS Grant Program Specialist by calling the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Length of Grant Term, Maximum Federal Share and Local Share Requirements

The SOS grant is two years (24 months) in duration, and provides a maximum federal share of \$500,000. Agencies are required to contribute a local cash match of **50 percent** towards the total cost of the approved grant project during the grant award period. Your agency must maintain records which clearly demonstrate the source of local matching funds, the amount of the match, and when the match is contributed. Funds previously budgeted for a law enforcement purpose may not be reallocated to provide local matching funds for the SOS program. Requests to waive the local match are not permitted under this program.

The COPS Office will review reasonable requests made for no-cost time extensions in the event that all funds granted have not been expended within the two-year grant period. Extension worksheets will be sent to the law enforcement department approximately 90 days prior to the award end date. Any extensions granted will be for time only, and not for additional funding. Please be advised that all extension requests must be received by the grant period end date.

Federal Funding: Allowable & Unallowable Costs

All items requested will be considered on a case-by-case basis during the budget review process. Items under the initiative must be purchased using the legislative guidelines established by the Congressional appropriations for FY2009. Additionally, each item must link to school safety. Examples of items that will not be considered include uniforms, ammunition, soft body armor, and vehicles. Please refer to the List of Unallowable Costs for additional examples. To the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with these funds must be American-made.

Allowable Costs: Fundable Requests

Budget requests may be made in the categories of:

- **Civilian/Non-sworn Personnel (Salaries and Benefits):** Civilian salary and fringe benefits apply to new personnel not already funded in the applicant's local budget. Staff must be hired on or after the award start date, and must work directly on the SOS program. Examples of allowable personnel and fringe benefits include those for a project coordinator/director, analyst, or administrative assistant. [Please note that security guards will NOT be funded under this program.]
- **Equipment/Technology:** Equipment and/or technology items must be clearly linked to the enhancement or implementation of the SOS project. Examples of such items may include cameras, door-locking mechanisms, lighting, metal detectors, and surveillance systems.
- **Supplies:** Generally, supplies include any materials that are expended or consumed during the course of the SOS project. Such costs may include training manuals, paper, printer ink, pens, postage, etc.

- **Travel/Training:** Travel/training costs include grant-related travel costs for the grantee to visit other jurisdictions engaged in similar programs or to attend conferences/trainings directly related to the goals of the project. Expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses (if travel is more than 50 miles from the program location) will be reviewed in accordance with applicable guidelines as part of the application process. Examples of such travel purposes include school safety and police/school partnership trainings.
- **Contracts/Consultants:** Contract/consultant costs may include costs to provide one-time training to staff for equipment operation/usage, and contracting/consulting services that provide such things as security needs analysis and assessment, staff-wide school safety training, and equipment installation/testing. Compensation for individual consultant services procured under a COPS grant must be reasonable and allocable in accordance with OMB cost principles, and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. Unless otherwise approved by the COPS Office, consultant rates will be based on the salary a consultant receives from his or her primary employer, as applicable, up to \$550 per day. For consultant or contractor rates which exceed \$550 per day, the COPS Office requires written justification if the consultants or contractors are hired through a noncompetitive bidding process. The grantee agency must provide justification for any such rate in excess of \$550 per day and receive COPS Office approval of that rate before drawing down grant funds. Determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- **Other Costs:** Other costs may include such items as software and prepaid warranties or maintenance agreements (not to exceed 24 months), or other items that have a direct correlation to the overall success of a grantee's project objectives and are necessary for the project to reach full implementation.

Departments must provide sufficient explanation via the budget narrative. The COPS Office may delete items without notification if they are not adequately addressed. Requests may be made only for items or positions that are not otherwise budgeted with state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds, and would not be funded in the absence of the SOS grant.

Unallowable Costs: Requests Will NOT Be Funded

The items listed below are generally considered to be unallowable, and will only be funded under *extremely limited and extenuating circumstances* and at the discretion of the COPS Office. Before including any of these items in your budget and project proposal, please contact your COPS Grant Program Specialist at 800.421.6770. Items not listed below will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Requests for reimbursement of items purchased or expenses incurred prior to the award start date will not be funded.

PERSONNEL:

- Salaries and benefits of sworn officers.
- Salaries and benefits of civilian security guards.
- Salaries and benefits of existing employees.
- Salaries and benefits of grant writers or other staff who do not directly contribute to the implementation of the program.
- Overtime for personnel not directly involved in the department's project and that which exceeds 20% of the awarded budget.
- Fringe benefits for overtime of existing employees, as noted above.

TRAVEL:

- Local travel costs (lodging, meals, per diem, or transportation costs) within a 50-mile radius of the program location.
- Mileage reimbursement, rental cars, parking fees, and/or taxi fare for local travel.
- Meals and/or refreshment costs associated with meetings.

EQUIPMENT:

- Animals
- Bicycles
- Bulletproof vests and accessories
- Bunker shield(s)
- Cellular phones
- Construction and renovation costs
- Dictation systems
- Fencing
- General police vehicles (including patrol cars and leased vehicles)
- Golf carts/Segways
- Guard posts
- Handcuffs, weapons, and ammunition (including training ammunition)
- Office rental / lease space
- Pagers (including service time)
- Phone lines and voice-mail systems
- Radar guns
- Standard issue police vehicle equipment (including light bars, cages, and siren packages)
- Standard office furniture and equipment (not specifically related and dedicated to the grant)
- Televisions / VCRs / DVD players / projectors
- Uniforms

CONTRACTS/CONSULTANTS:

- Training in topics that are not directly linked to the SOS grant.
- Contractual agreements that cannot be directly linked to the SOS grant.

SUPPLIES AND OTHER COSTS:

- Standard office supplies not directly related to the SOS grant.
- Indirect costs.

This program will not provide funding for any positions or items which are funded in the applicant agency's budget with other sources of funding (state, local, or BIA). You may apply only for otherwise unfunded positions or items to supplement your agency's law enforcement budget.

Monitoring, Reporting, & Evaluation Requirements

Federal regulations require that any financial assistance from the federal government be monitored to ensure that those funds are spent properly. Awarded agencies will be responsible for submitting periodic programmatic Progress Reports and quarterly Financial Status Reports. In addition, the COPS Office is interested in tracking the progress of its programs and the development of its grantees' community policing plans. Therefore, all SOS grantees will be required to participate in grant monitoring activities of the U.S. Department of Justice, including but not limited to the COPS Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or an entity designated by COPS.

The COPS Office Monitoring staff may take a number of monitoring approaches, such as site visits, office-based grant reviews, and periodic surveys to gather information. COPS may seek information including, but not limited to, your agency's compliance with nonsupplanting and financial requirements of the grant and progress toward achieving your community policing plan. Program and Monitoring Specialists as well as auditors are particularly interested in confirming that the purchase of approved items is consistent with the applicant's proposal.

Though a formal assessment is not a requirement, departments are strongly encouraged to conduct an independent assessment of their respective projects. Project evaluations have proven to be valuable tools in helping departments to identify areas in need of improvement, as well as providing data of successful processes.

Please feel free to contact your Grant Program Specialist at 800.421.6770 to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

To assist in fulfilling the Department of Justice's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for the Secure Our Schools program are as follows:

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
Increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for personnel, technology, equipment, and training.	<p>Average community policing capacity implementation rating (0 to 100) of SOS grantees.</p> <p>Average technological capacity implementation rating (0 to 100) of SOS grantees.</p> <p>Successful purchase and implementation of all items and/or services listed in the application Project and Budget Narratives.</p>	Annual progress reports providing an overview of SOS grant purchases/implementation and implementation of community policing strategies.

All COPS SOS grants target increasing grantee capacity to implement community policing strategies within the three primary elements of community policing: 1) problem-solving; 2) partnerships; and 3) organizational transformation. The COPS Office requires all SOS applicants to describe how the personnel, technology, equipment, and/or training requested will assist the applicant in implementing community policing strategies. For more information on community policing please go to the COPS website at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=36>.

As part of the annual progress report, SOS grantees will be required to report on their progress toward implementing community policing strategies. The COPS Office will not require that grantees track statistics to respond to the performance measure questions, and the grantee's community policing capacity implementation rating and/or technological capacity implementation rating will not be used in determining grant compliance.

Based on the data collected from grantees, the COPS Office may make improvements to the SOS program to better meet the program's objective and law enforcement agency needs.

HOW TO APPLY

Administrative Requirements Governing COPS Programs

Obtaining a DUNS Number

The federal government requires that all applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements with the exception of individuals other than sole proprietors have a DUNS number. The DUNS number is used to identify related organizations that are receiving funding under grants and cooperative agreements, and to provide consistent name and address data for electronic grant application systems.

Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number

- The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is a unique nine-digit identification number provided by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B).
- The DUNS number is site-specific. Therefore, each distinct physical location of an entity (such as branches, divisions, and headquarters) may be assigned a DUNS number. Organizations should try to keep DUNS numbers to a minimum. In many instances, a central DUNS number with a DUNS number for each major division/department/agency that applies for a grant may be sufficient.
- The requestor may obtain an on-the-spot DUNS number assignment by telephone at **866.705.5711**.

Obtaining a DUNS Number

- You should verify that you have a DUNS number or take the steps needed to obtain one as soon as possible, if there is a possibility you will be applying for future federal grants or cooperative agreements. There is no need to wait until you are submitting a particular application.
- ***If you already have a DUNS number.*** If you, as the entity applying for a federal grant or cooperative agreement, previously obtained a DUNS number in connection with the federal acquisition process or requested or had one assigned to you for another purpose, you should use that number on all of your applications. It is not necessary to request another DUNS number from D&B. You may request D&B to supply a family-tree report of the DUNS numbers associated with your organization. Organizations should work with D&B to ensure the right information is on the report. Organizations should not establish new numbers, but use existing numbers and update/validate the information associated with the number.
- ***If you are not sure if you have a DUNS number.*** Call D&B using the toll-free number **866.705.5711**, and indicate that you are a federal grant applicant or prospective applicant. D&B will tell you if you already have a number. If you do not have a DUNS number, D&B will ask you to provide the information listed on the following page and will immediately assign you a number, free of charge.
- ***If you know you do not have a DUNS number.*** Call D&B using the toll-free number **866.705.5711**, and indicate that you are a federal grant applicant or prospective applicant. D&B will ask you to provide the information listed on the following page and will immediately assign you a number, free of charge.

Managing Your DUNS Number

- D&B periodically contacts organizations with DUNS numbers to verify that their information is current. Organizations with multiple DUNS numbers may request a free family tree listing from D&B to help determine what branches/divisions have numbers and whether the information is current. Please call the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at **866.705.5711** to request your family tree.
- D&B recommends that organizations with multiple DUNS numbers have a single point of contact for controlling DUNS number requests to ensure that the appropriate branches/divisions have DUNS numbers for federal purposes.
- As a result of obtaining a DUNS number you have the option to be included on D&B's marketing list that is sold to other companies. If you do not want your name/organization included on this marketing list, request to be de-listed from D&B's marketing file when you are speaking with a D&B representative during your DUNS number telephone application.

Obtaining a DUNS number is absolutely free for all entities doing business with the federal government. This includes grant and cooperative agreement applicants or prospective applicants and federal contractors. Be certain that you identify yourself as a federal grant applicant or prospective applicant.

To Obtain Your DUNS Number

Please call the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line for federal grant and cooperative agreement applicants or prospective grant applicants at: **866.705.5711**.

The number is staffed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time of the caller when calling from within the continental United States). Calls placed to the above number outside of those hours will receive a recorded message requesting the caller to call back between the operating hours.

- The process to request a number takes about 5-10 minutes.
- A DUNS number will be assigned at the conclusion of the call.
- You will need to provide the following information:
 - Legal Name
 - Headquarters name and address for your organization
 - Doing business as (DBA) or other name by which your organization is commonly known or recognized
 - Physical address, city, state and zip code
 - Mailing address (if separate from headquarters and/or physical address)
 - Telephone number
 - Contact name and title
 - Number of employees at your physical location.

Registering with the Central Contractor Registry

In addition to the DUNS number requirement, the COPS Office requires all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance to maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at www.ccr.gov.

Electronic Submission of Applications Via Grants.gov

COPS is committed to supporting the President's Management Agenda (PMA) by striving toward becoming an even more "citizen-centered" and "results-oriented" organization. In an effort to meet these objectives, the COPS Office is participating as a partner with the government-wide Grants.gov initiative. If you are applying for COPS funding you must submit your application in electronic format via Grants.gov. Grants.gov is the home of federal grant program information and applications. Please visit www.Grants.gov to learn more about this exciting initiative.

Users of Grants.gov will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. You may not email a copy of the grant application to the COPS Office. All of the application forms must be submitted via Grants.gov, thus reducing paperwork for the applicant and the COPS Office. Other features of Grants.gov include a computer-based training tutorial, user guides, context-sensitive help for web pages, and customer service support via email and/or toll-free telephone.

If your agency does not have the capability to apply online via Grants.gov, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770 for assistance.

The following is important information for applicants:

- To use Grants.gov, applicants must have a DUNS number (DUNS numbers are required of all agencies requesting federal funding) and register in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). If you have already completed these steps for previous submissions, you do not need to complete these steps again. Please see the attached checklist that will assist agencies in completing all the steps for each registration process.
- You must submit all documents electronically, including all information typically included on the SF-424, the COPS Application Attachment to SF-424, Budget Information, Project Narratives and any related attachments.
- Your application must comply with any page limit requirements described in the COPS Application Guide.
- You must also download the COPS Application Guide (instructions) for completing the application. This must be downloaded separately from the application package.
- Instructions for completing online application forms are included as part of the application package, both on the cover sheet and as field-level instructions and edits that will assist you in completing an accurate application package.
- Treat your application as you would any important document. Remember to save it to your computer often because changes are NOT automatically saved.
- When you have completed the application package, you need to click the "Save" button prior to submission. Note: The application package cannot be submitted until all required fields have been completed.
- You can complete the application package offline - you will not have to be connected to the Internet. This gives you the ability to route the application package to others in your organization as an email attachment, much like you would with any shared document.
- The "Submit" button on the application package cover page will become active after you have completed all required forms, attached all required documents, and saved your application package. Move all mandatory completed forms/documents into the corresponding **Completed Documents for Submission** box. Click on the "Submit" button once you have done all these things and you are ready to send your completed application to Grants.gov.

- Review the provided application summary to confirm that the application will be submitted to the program you wish to apply for. Click the "Yes" button if this information is correct and you are ready to submit the application. If you are not already connected to the Internet, you will be directed to do so.
- Once you have logged in, your application package will automatically be uploaded to Grants.gov. A confirmation screen will appear once the upload is complete. Note that a Grants.gov tracking number will be provided on this screen. Please record this number so that you may refer to it should you need to contact Customer Support.
- **Do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov.** The Grants.gov registration steps may take a few days, and if you wait until the application deadline date you may be unable to submit your application online.
- A copy of the Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance with Requirements must be signed and kept on file with the applicant per the application instructions.

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act

Please note that information on Grants.gov accessibility and compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act can be found on the Grants.gov website. If you are an applicant using assistive technology and you encounter difficulty when applying using Grants.gov, please contact:

Darren Neely
U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office
202.307.3971
Darren.Neely@usdoj.gov

The Department is committed to ensuring equal access to all applicants and will assist any applicant who may experience difficulties with assistive technology when applying for grants on the Grants.gov site. We will continue to work with applicants as necessary while the Grants.gov site moves toward full compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Procedures for Using Grants.gov

Listed below is a description of the procedures/steps that you will need to complete in order to submit your application via Grants.gov. For more detailed information, please go to www.Grants.gov and consult the Tutorial, Help (once you are on the proper screen) or the Grants.gov User Guide.

I. E-Business & Registration Information

Please note: The following steps only apply if you are using Grants.gov for the first time. If you have used Grants.gov in the past, you do not need to repeat these steps.

1. Obtain a DUNS Number.

Please see the "Obtaining a DUNS Number" section of this Guide to obtain detailed information on this requirement.

2. Register with Central Contractor Registry.

Individuals who want to be able to submit an application on behalf of their organization must become Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs) by registering with CCR. You must have a DUNS number before registering with CCR.

To register with CCR:

1. Go to www.ccr.gov.
2. Click the **Start New Registration** link.
3. Complete the Registration Worksheet.
4. Complete the Registration Acknowledgement and Point of Contact Information.

3. Register with Credential Provider.

Individuals who want to be able to submit an application on behalf of their organization must become AORs. In order to become an AOR, you must first register with CCR before registering with the Credential Provider, Operational Research Consultants (ORC).

To register with a Credential Provider:

1. Click the **Register with Credential Provider** link.
2. Enter your DUNS number and press Register.
3. On the Welcome screen, click User ID.
4. Complete the registration screens.

Note: You should record the User ID and password that you entered because you will need this information to register with Grants.gov.

4. Register with Grants.gov.

After registering with the Credential Provider, individuals who want to submit applications need to register with Grants.gov as an Authorized Organization Representative. As an AOR, an individual will be authorized to submit grant applications through Grants.gov on behalf of their organization.

To register with Grants.gov:

1. Enter the User ID and password from the Credential Provider in the appropriate fields on the **Register with Grants.gov** screen.
2. Click the **Register** button.
3. Complete the Registration page with:
 - Your first and last name
 - Your telephone number
 - Your email address
 - Your title
 - Your DUNS number

5. Designate an E-Business Point of Contact.

This procedure is only for the E-Business Point of Contact. The E-Business Point of Contact is the person listed as the point of contact on the organization's CCR registration and is responsible for designating their organization's Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs). Organizations may have only one E-Business Point of Contact.

Once a potential Authorized Organization Representative registers with a Credential Provider and Grants.gov, the E-Business Point of Contact will receive an email stating that someone has signed up to become an AOR for their organization. The E-Business Point of Contact will need to log into the Ebiz section of the site and assign the "Authorized Applicant" role to have that person designated as an AOR for their organization.

To designate an AOR:

1. Click the EBiz link at the top of the screen.
2. Enter your DUNS number and MPIN to log in.
3. Click the Manage Applicants link.
4. Select the person for whom you want to assign the "Authorized Applicant" role.
5. Assign the "Authorized Applicant" role.

II. Find & Apply for Funding Opportunities

1. Find a grant opportunity for which you want to apply.

You can search for opportunities at: https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms_apps_idx.html.

2. Download the Application Viewer

If you do not have the PureEdge Viewer, you must download it to complete the online forms.

To download the Application Viewer:

1. Click the link on the Download Application Viewer screen.
2. Verify that your computer meets the system requirements.
3. Download PureEdge Viewer.
4. Install PureEdge Viewer.

3. Download Application Package

To download an application package:

1. Click the Download Application Package link on the left of the Apply for Grants screen.
2. Enter the Funding Opportunity Number or CFDA Number. The CFDA number for all COPS programs is 16.710.
3. Click the Download Package button.
4. Click the corresponding download link for the application instructions and application package.

4. Complete Application Package

To complete an application package:

1. Download an application package and its instructions.
2. Save the application to your computer.
3. Complete all necessary forms/documents.
4. Move all mandatory completed forms/documents into the corresponding Completed Documents for Submission box.
5. Move all optional completed forms/documents into the corresponding optional completed documents for submission box.
6. Save the application.

5. Submit Application Package

To submit an application package:



1. Complete the application.
2. Save the application.
3. Click the Submit button.
4. Click the Yes button.
5. Log into Grants.gov using your AOR username and password.
6. Save and/or print the confirmation page for future tracking of the package you just submitted by the Grants.gov Tracking Number found on the Confirmation Page.




Organization Registration Checklist

The following checklist can help guide your organization to complete the registration steps required to submit grants online through Grants.gov. Please ensure that you have completed all of these steps well before the application deadline date. *These steps take a number of days, so please don't wait until the last minute if you have a deadline approaching!*

When you are done, you will have established a profile on Grants.gov that contains basic information about your agency and designated staff members who are authorized to submit applications. *These steps only need to be completed ONCE to be able to use Grants.gov to apply for multiple programs.*

A list of helpful online resources to assist you with the registration steps follows the checklist.

Steps to Complete to Register an Organization	Completed?
<p>STEP 1: OBTAIN DUNS NUMBER</p> <p>Has my organization identified its Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number?</p> <p>Ask the grant administrator, chief financial officer, or authorizing official of your organization to identify your DUNS number.</p> <p>If your organization does not know its DUNS number or needs to register for one, visit Dun & Bradstreet at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THIS STEP: The federal government has adopted the use of DUNS numbers to track how federal grant money is allocated. DUNS numbers identify your organization.</p> <p>HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE? Same day. You will receive DUNS number information online.</p>	
<p>STEP 2: REGISTER WITH CCR</p> <p>Has my organization registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR)?</p> <p>Ask the grant administrator, chief financial officer, or authorizing official of your organization if your organization has registered with the CCR.</p> <p>If your organization is not registered, you can apply by phone (1-888-227-2423) or register online at http://www.ccr.gov. CCR has developed a handbook (http://www.ccr.gov/handbook.asp) to help you with the process.</p> <p>When your organization registers with CCR, you must designate an E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC). This person will identify a special password called an "M-PIN." This M-PIN gives the E-Biz POC authority to designate which staff member(s) from your organization are allowed to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov. Staff members from your organization designated to submit applications are called Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs).</p> <p>Note: If you are an individual applying for a grant on your own behalf and not on behalf of a company, academic or research institution, state, local or tribal government, not-for-profit, or other type of organization, refer to the Individual Registration: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/individual_registration.jsp. If you apply as an individual to a grant application package designated for organizations, your application will be rejected.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THIS STEP: Registering with the CCR is required for organizations to use Grants.gov.</p> <p>HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE? If your organization already has an Employment Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), then you should allow one – three business days to complete the entire CCR registration. The EIN and TIN will come from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).</p> <p>If your organization does not have an EIN or TIN, then you should allow two weeks for obtaining the information from the IRS when requesting the EIN or TIN via phone or Internet. The additional number of days needed is a result of security information that needs to be mailed to the organization.</p> <p>*Note: Your organization needs to renew their CCR registration once a year.</p>	

<p>STEP 3: USERNAME & PASSWORD</p> <p>Have the AORs who officially submit applications on behalf of your organization completed their profile with Grants.gov to create their username and password?</p> <p>To create a username and password, AORs must complete their <u>profile</u> on Grants.gov. AORs will need to know the DUNS number of the organization for which they will be submitting applications to complete the process.</p> <p>After your organization registers with the CCR, AORs must wait one business day before they can complete a <u>profile</u> and create their usernames and passwords on Grants.gov.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THIS STEP: An AOR username and password serves as an "electronic signature" when submitting a Grants.gov application.</p> <p>HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE? Same day. After the AOR has completed their profile they will be prompted to create a username and password that will allow the user to log in and check their approval status immediately.</p>	
<p>STEP 4: AOR AUTHORIZATION</p> <p>Has the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) approved AORs to submit applications on behalf of the organization?</p> <p>When an AOR registers with Grants.gov to submit applications on behalf of an organization, that organization's E-Biz POC will receive an email notification. The email the AOR submitted in the profile will be the email used when sending the automatic notification from Grants.gov to the E-Biz POC with the AOR copied on the correspondence.</p> <p>The E-Biz POC must then log in to Grants.gov (using the organization's DUNS number for the username and the "M-PIN" password obtained in Step 2) and approve the AOR, thereby giving him or her permission to submit applications.</p> <p>When an E-Biz POC approves an AOR, Grants.gov will send the AOR a confirmation email.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THIS STEP: Only the E-Biz POC can approve AORs. This allows the organization to authorize specific staff members or consultants/grant writers to submit grants. Only those who have been authorized by the E-Biz POC can submit applications on behalf of the organization.</p> <p>HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE? This depends on how long it takes the E-Biz POC to log in and approve the AOR; once the approval is completed the AOR can immediately submit an application.</p>	
<p>STEP 5: TRACK AOR STATUS</p> <p>AORs can also log in to track their AOR status using their username and password (obtained in Step 3) to check if they have been approved by the E-Biz POC.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THIS STEP: To verify that the organization's E-Biz POC has approved the AOR.</p> <p>HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE? Logging in as an applicant is instantaneous; the approval process to become an AOR depends on how long it takes the E-Biz POC to log in and approve the AOR.</p>	

Helpful Online Resources:

DUNS Number information:
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
 Central Contractor Registry (CCR): <http://www.ccr.gov>
 Obtain usernames and passwords for AORs:
<https://apply.Grants.gov/OrcRegister>

Grants.gov: <http://www.Grants.gov>
 Grants.gov Helpdesk: support@Grants.gov
 Grants.gov Customer Support Tutorials and Manuals:
<http://www.grants.gov/CustomerSupport>
 Grant.gov Support Line: 800.518.GRANTS (4726)

Audit Requirement

OMB Circular A-133 establishes the requirements for organizational audits that apply to COPS grantees. Grantees must arrange for the required organization-wide (not grant-by-grant) audit in accordance with the requirements of this circular.

Civil Rights

All recipients of federal grant funds are required to comply with nondiscrimination requirements contained in various federal laws. A memorandum addressing federal civil rights statutes and regulations from the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs will be included in the award package for grant recipients. All applicants should consult the Assurances form to understand the applicable legal and administrative requirements.

Please be advised that a hold may be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant agency is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.

Grant Terms & Conditions

The following section describes the compliance terms and conditions that applicants should be aware of before applying to COPS programs. The table below further defines which of the legal requirements are applicable to the program for which you are applying. Please review each section carefully. The signatures of the applicant's Authorized Organizational Representative, Law Enforcement Executive, and Government Executive on Section 14: Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance with Requirements of the COPS Application Attachment to the SF-424 assures the COPS Office that your agency will comply with all legal and administrative requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal grant funds.

Key: Y – Yes N – No P – Possibly (dependent upon particular agency regulations or items requested)

FY 2009 Program	I. Assurances	II. Certifications	III. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	IV. Non-supplanting	V. Procurement & Sole Source Justification	VI. Criminal Intelligence Systems/28 C.F.R. Part 23
SOS	Y	Y	P	Y	P	P

I. & II. Assurances & Certifications

Applicants to COPS programs are required to sign and submit the standard Assurances and Certifications forms. Signing these documents assures the COPS Office that you have read, understand, and accept the grant terms and conditions as outlined in the Assurances and Certifications. Please read these documents carefully as signatures on these documents are treated as material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered grant. A hard copy of the Assurances and Certifications, signed by the Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official and Government Executive/Financial Official named on the COPS Application Attachment to the SF-424, should be kept in the agency's files and furnished upon request.

III. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered federal action. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

If this applies to your agency, you are required to submit the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) as an attachment to your application. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report.

IV. Nonsupplanting Requirement

Grant funds may not be used to replace state or local funds (or, for tribal grantees, Bureau of Indian Affairs funds) that would, in the absence of federal aid, be made available for the purpose of the grant. Instead, grant funds must be used to increase the total amount of funds that would otherwise be made available for the grant purposes.

A grant recipient may not use federal grant funds to pay for any item or costs associated with this request that the recipient is already obligated to pay. Funds allocated to pay for law enforcement costs irrespective of the grant may not be reallocated to other purposes or refunded should a COPS grant or cooperative agreement be awarded. Non-federal funds must remain available for and devoted to that purpose, with COPS funds supplementing those non-federal funds. Funding awarded cannot be obligated until after the grant award start date (unless an exception is authorized in writing by the COPS Office). This means that COPS funds cannot be applied to any agency cost incurred prior to the award start date.

The possibility of supplanting will be the subject of careful application review, possible pre-award review, and post-award monitoring and audit. Any supplanting of non-federal funds by COPS grant funds may be grounds for potential suspension or termination of grant funding, recovery of misused funds, and/or other applicable legal sanctions.

If you have questions concerning the nonsupplanting requirement while completing this application, please contact the COPS Office at 800.421.6770 for further information.

V. Procurement & Sole Source Justification

Sole source, or procurement by noncompetitive proposals, is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source, or after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate. It must adhere to the standards set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, 28 C.F.R. § 66.36 or 28 C.F.R. § 70 (as applicable).

For the purchase of equipment, technology or services under a COPS grant award, grant recipients must follow their own policies and procedures on procurement as long as those requirements conform to the federal procurement requirements set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 66.36 and 28 C.F.R. § 70 (as applicable). If a grant recipient determines that the award of a contract through a competitive process is infeasible, and if one of the following circumstances applies: (1) the item/service is available only from one source; (2) the public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation; or (3) competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources, the grant recipient must seek written authorization from the COPS Office for sole source procurements in excess of \$100,000. Written approval for sole source procurements from the COPS Office must be received prior to purchasing equipment, technology or services, obligating funding for a contract, or entering into a contract with grant funds.

Requests for sole source procurements of equipment, technology or services in excess of \$100,000 must be submitted to the COPS Office in writing certifying that the award of the contract through full and open competition is infeasible. The sole source request must be prepared on department letterhead. The request should also include the following information:

Section I – A brief description of the project, the amount to be designated for the sole source procurement, and the purpose of the contract.

Section II – A statement identifying which one (or more) of the three circumstances identified below apply to the procurement transaction and an explanation as to why it is necessary to contract in a noncompetitive manner. Include supporting information as identified below under the applicable section(s).

The item/service is available only from one source.

- Contractor's expertise linked to the current project (e.g., knowledge of project management, responsiveness, experience of contractor personnel, prior work on earlier phases of project, etc.)
- Uniqueness of items to be procured from the proposed contractor or vendor (compatibility, patent issues, etc.)
- Any additional information that would support the case

The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.

- When the contractual coverage is required by your department and why
- Impact on project if deadline/dates are not met
- How long it would take an alternate contractor to reach the same required level of competence (equate to dollar amounts, if desired)
- Any additional information that would support the case

Competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources.

- Results of a market survey to determine competition availability; if no survey is conducted, please explain why not
- Any additional information that would support the case

Section III – A declaration that this action/choice is in the best interest of the agency.

Upon receipt of the request for sole source authorization, the COPS Office will review it to determine if competition is infeasible, and your agency will be contacted if any of the identified information is missing or if additional supporting information is required. If the COPS Office determines that the request does not meet the standards set forth above, the request will be denied.

Please be advised that conflicts of interest are prohibited under the procurement standards set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 66 and 28 C.F.R. § 70.

If you have any questions regarding the federal requirements that guide procurement procedures, please contact your program point of contact at 800.421.6770.

VI. Criminal Intelligence Systems/28 C.F.R. Part 23 Compliance

If your agency is receiving COPS funding for equipment/technology that will be used to operate an *interjurisdictional* criminal intelligence system, you must agree to comply with the operating principles found at 28 C.F.R. Part 23. An “interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system” is generally defined as a system which receives, stores, analyzes, and exchanges or disseminates data regarding ongoing criminal activities (such activities may include, but are not limited to, loan sharking, drug or stolen property trafficking, gambling, extortion, smuggling, bribery, and public corruption) and shares this data with other law enforcement jurisdictions. 28 C.F.R. Part 23 contains operating principles for these interjurisdictional criminal information systems which protect individual privacy and constitutional rights.

If you are simply using the COPS funds to operate a single agency database (or other unrelated forms of technology) and will not share criminal intelligence data with other jurisdictions, 28 C.F.R. Part 23 does not apply to this grant.

Suspension or Termination of Funding

The COPS Office may suspend, in whole or in part, or terminate funding, or impose other sanctions on a grantee for the following reasons:

- Failure to substantially comply with the requirements or objectives of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, program guidelines, or other provisions of federal law
- Failure to make satisfactory progress toward the goals or strategies set forth in this application
- Failure to adhere to grant agreement requirements or special conditions
- Proposing substantial plan changes to the extent that, if originally submitted, would have resulted in the application not being selected for funding
- Failure to submit required or requested reports
- Filing a false statement or certification in this application or other report or document
- Other good cause shown.

Prior to imposing sanctions, the COPS Office will provide reasonable notice to the grantee of its intent to impose sanctions and will attempt to resolve the problem informally. Appeal procedures will follow those in the U.S. Department of Justice regulations in 28 C.F.R. Part 18.

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS grants may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal grants or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

Please be advised that grantees may not use COPS funding for the same item or service also funded by an Office of Justice Programs (OJP) award.

Required Application Documents & Sections for SOS Applications

Listed below is a chart that shows the required documentation that must be completed and submitted for your application to be considered complete. Failure to submit all required documentation at the time of application may delay processing and/or result in the denial of your application. **Unless otherwise noted, each section listed must be completed in its entirety.** You can use this chart as an application checklist to ensure you have met all of the necessary requirements.

Application Documents & Sections	Required? Yes, No or Possible (dependent upon agency)	Completed?
1. Standard Form 424	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. COPS Application Attachment to SF-424	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 1: COPS Program Request	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 2: Executive Information	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 3: General Agency Information	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 4: Law Enforcement & Community Policing Strategy	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 5: Continuation of Project After Federal Funding Ends	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 6: Need for Federal Assistance	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 7: Waivers of the Local Match	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 8: Executive Summary	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 9: Project Description (Narrative)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 10: Budget Narrative	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 11: Memorandum of Understanding	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 12: Official Partner(s) Contact Information	Yes (list individual schools and/or school districts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 13: Incident Data	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 14: Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance with Requirements	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 15: Standard Assurances	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 16: Standard Certifications	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Standard Form LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Possible	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Budget Detail Worksheets (Sections B, C, D, E, F, G and Budget Summary)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

WHAT AN APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE: REQUIRED FORMAT & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSION

General Information

Please do not include any confidential data or reports with your application.

Law Enforcement & Community Policing Strategy

All applicants are required to provide information demonstrating how grant funding will be used to increase their involvement in community policing. Answers to the narrative questions in this section should be specifically linked to the community policing activities to be implemented or enhanced through this grant project.

Need for Federal Assistance

All applicants are required to provide a brief explanation of their agency's inability to implement this project without federal assistance.

Executive Summary

Applicants are required to complete Section 8 of the COPS Application Attachment to the SF-424 Form. Briefly summarize how your agency will use this grant funding. Please include how you expect this grant to impact school safety in your community. This information may be used to keep Congress or other executive branch agencies informed on law enforcement strategies to deter crime in your community. If you have any questions about this, please contact your Grant Program Specialist at 800.421.6770.

Please limit your response to 400 words or less.

Project Description (Narrative)

Agencies that seek funding under this program are required to submit a separate project narrative which must address Sections A-E and should address F, if applicable. Project descriptions should explain how the program proposal will improve your agency's ability to improve school security. The narrative length is up to the discretion of your agency, but it is highly recommended that it be kept to a maximum of two pages for Sections A-E and three paragraphs for F, if applicable. Please label each section in your narrative accordingly.

Please note (if legal applicant is a school district): Your agency must certify at the beginning of Section A of the Project Narrative that the school district has its own police department, with primary law enforcement authority within the schools targeted through this application.

The narrative will be a significant factor in the application review and approval process.

Failure to provide this information may delay the review of your agency's application and/or prevent the COPS Office from selecting your agency for funding.

A. Problem Identification

Please provide information on current problems occurring in the school(s) that will be addressed through this grant proposal. Please also include a description of the impacted or targeted areas that you will address with grant funding.

B. Project Goals & Objectives

Please describe the goals and objectives that you are ultimately trying to accomplish through federal assistance and how the proposed project would fit into an overall effort to address the problems identified in Section A.

C. Partnerships

Please provide information on any relevant partnerships that you currently have or plan to develop as a result of this proposed project. Such partnerships could include any collaborative relationships between your agency and individuals or organizations that will help develop solutions to identified problems within your school. Please provide specific examples.

D. Community Policing Strategies

Please provide information on the proposed community policing activities that will be implemented or enhanced with grant funding. Please address each of the following elements of community policing: (a) community partnerships and support, including consultation with community groups, private and/or other public agencies; (b) related governmental and community initiatives that complement your agency's proposed use of SOS funding; and (c) organizational transformation – how your agency will use these funds, if awarded, to help reorient its mission to community policing or enhance its involvement in and commitment to community policing.

Agencies that seek funding under this program must provide information on how the community policing activities described will link to the overall organizational community policing strategy of the agency.

E. Implementation Plan

Please provide a detailed description of how the proposed project will be implemented, including an implementation schedule for all major milestones and timelines of all activities to take place within the life of the grant.

F. School Safety Assessment Assurance or Assessment Plan

Assessment Assurance

If your agency is requesting funding as a result of a coordinated, comprehensive approach to school safety that builds on prior school safety assessments and/or school security trainings conducted within the last three years, please include a written assurance that the application was prepared after consultation with individuals not limited to law enforcement officers (such as school violence researchers, child psychologists, social workers, teachers, principals, and other school personnel) to ensure that the improvements to be funded under this grant are 1) consistent with a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence, and 2) individualized to the needs of the school at which those improvements are to be made.

OR

Assessment Plan

If your agency is requesting funding as part of your overall 2009 SOS budget to conduct a school safety assessment, please address the following: (1) propose a time period for conducting the assessment and (2) describe the nature of the planned assessment.

Budget Narrative

All applicants must submit the Budget Narrative as described in Section 10 of the COPS Application Attachment to the SF-424. All budget items must be programmatically linked to the activities described in your program proposal. Each applicant has the burden of adequately demonstrating this link. Please be aware that the COPS Office may reduce requests based on factors such as the link to school safety and/or available funding.

Incident Data

Agencies that seek funding under this program must complete the incident data chart (Section 13 of the COPS Application Attachment to the SF-424 Form). This section should contain information from official school discipline, conduct, or crime data from the partner school(s) participating in this project during the period of **September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008**. Your agency is not required to submit supporting documentation with this application; however, your agency must maintain copies of the records used in this grant submission for future review in the event of a site visit, audit, or other request.

Please input the total number of incidents for each category listed. Both tables must be completed for application under the SOS program ("Type of Incident" and "School Data"). The totals provided must reflect the number of incidents that occurred on school grounds. Applicants must also provide information on the number of schools involved in the proposed project and the total student population of these schools.

Selection Criteria

Funding selections are ultimately based on a number of factors, including application completeness and accuracy, the implementation of previous COPS grants (including the timely submission of programmatic progress reports and financial status reports), incident data, and the enhancement of community policing activities as proposed in the application Project Narrative. The narrative will be a significant factor in the application review and approval process.

Additional factors which may impact funding include (1) requesting funds to purchase items that your agency has determined are needed based on a recent school safety assessment or (2) requesting funds to conduct a school assessment as part of your agency's overall Secure Our Schools budget.

Sample Budget Narrative and Budget Detail Worksheets

Important note:

Sections B, C, D, E, F, G and the Budget Summary are the only sections of the COPS Budget Detail Worksheets that are applicable to the COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant program. Only some of the sections that apply to the SOS grant are included in this sample. *Applicants should not request items under any of the other categories. For more information, please see the COPS SOS Federal Funding: Allowable and Unallowable Costs section.*

SAMPLE BUDGET NARRATIVE

Equipment:

5 Pelco Digital Recorders

The Safetown High school has a school exterior camera system that is inadequate and outdated. The school district has had a large influx of new students and anticipates that the student population will continue to grow. The new camera system is a digital system, which utilizes a web-based technology. This will allow the school and the police department the ability to monitor school grounds utilizing the web. This new technology will also provide the police with "first look" capability when alarms are generated from the school. Based on our research, the estimated cost per unit for the recorders is \$8,708. **Total for Digital Recorders: \$43,540**

3 Toshiba-Satellite A75 Laptops

The Safetown Police Department requests the purchase of 3 laptops to ensure networking of the DVR Systems and the mobility of the security staff. The laptops will be used at various locations on and off campus, depending on high school activities and events. Based on our research, the estimated cost per unit is \$5,500. **Total cost: \$16,500**

C. EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY No Equipment/Technology Requested ☐

Instructions: List non-expendable items that are to be purchased. Non-expendable equipment is tangible property (e.g., technology) having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit. Expendable items should be included either in the "**SUPPLIES**" or "**OTHER**" categories.

Please be advised that, to the greatest extent practical, all equipment and products purchased with these funds must be American-made.

For agencies purchasing items related to enhanced communications systems, the COPS Office expects and encourages that, wherever feasible, such voice or data communications equipment should be incorporated into an intra- or interjurisdictional strategy for communications interoperability among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

See the COPS Application Guide for a list of allowable/unallowable costs for the particular program for which you are applying.

Unit/Item Description	Computation (# of Items/Units X Unit Cost)	Per Item Subtotal
Pelco Digital Recorders	(5 x 8,708)	\$ 43,540
Toshiba-Satellite A75 Laptops	(3 x 5,500)	\$ 16,500
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
	(x)	\$
EQUIPMENT TOTAL:		\$ 60,040 Transfer to Budget Summary Line 3

Please include a detailed description for all items listed in the Budget Narrative

BUDGET SUMMARY

Instructions: When you have completed the Budget Detail Worksheets, please transfer the category totals to the spaces below. Please compute the Total Project Amount, Total Federal Share Amount, and Total Local Share (if applicable). Please see the Application Guide for information on the maximum federal share and local matching requirements for the grant for which you are applying.

	Budget Category	Category Total	Line #
B.	Civilian/Non-Sworn Personnel	\$ 0.00	2
C.	Equipment/Technology	\$ 60,040.00	3
D.	Other Costs	\$ 0.00	4
E.	Supplies	\$ 0.00	5
F.	Travel/Training	\$ 0.00	6
G.	Contracts/Consultants	\$ 0.00	7
Total Project Amount:		\$ 60,040.00	
Total Federal Share Amount: (Total Project Amount X Federal Share Percentage Allowable)		\$ 30,020.00	
Total Local Share Amount (if applicable): (Total Project Amount - Total Federal Share Amount)		\$ 30,020.00	

Contact Information for Budget Questions

Please provide contact information of the financial official that the COPS Office may contact with questions related to your budget submission.

Authorized Official's Typed Name: John Q. Public

Title: Finance Director

Phone: (123) 456-7890

Fax: (123) 654-3210

E-mail Address: John.Public@LocalPD.gov

APPENDIXES

Appendix A: Glossary of COPS Program Terms

The following information is provided to assist you with the completion of your COPS grant program Application Forms. The list includes some of the most common terms that are used in the Application Forms. For additional assistance or clarification regarding any part of the application, please contact your Grant Program Specialist at 800.421.6770.

Allowable Costs: Allowable costs are costs that will be paid for by this grant program.

Authorized Officials: The authorized officials are the individuals in your organization who have final authority and responsibility for all programmatic and financial decisions regarding your application and, if awarded, your grant award. For law enforcement agencies, the listed Law Enforcement Executive (usually Chief of Police, Sheriff, etc.) and the Government Executive (usually Mayor, Board President, etc.) are your agency's authorized officials.

Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR): A person authorized by your E-business POC to submit applications to Grants.gov. This privilege should be provided only to those individuals who currently have signature authority for submitting grant applications. The name of the individual designated as an AOR will be populated by the Grants.gov system in grant application package forms, which require signatures. An organization can assign as many AORs to use Grants.gov as necessary.

Automated Booking System: An automated booking system captures arrestee fingerprints and photographic information electronically and often has the ability to transfer that information to a departmental or statewide database.

Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS): An AFIS system is a highly specialized biometrics system that compares a single fingerprint image with a database of fingerprint images. Fingerprint images are collected from crime scenes or are taken from criminal suspects when they are arrested. Fingerprint images may be captured by placing a finger on a scanner or by electronically scanning inked impressions on paper.

Award Start Date: This is the date on or after which your agency is authorized to purchase items or hire positions that were approved by the COPS Office. If awarded, the award start date is found on your grant Award Document. *Grantees may not make any purchases or hire any positions prior to this date without written approval from the COPS Office.*

Career Law Enforcement Officer: The COPS statute defines a "career law enforcement officer" as a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law, or by a state or local public agency, to engage in or oversee the prevention, detection or investigation of violations of criminal laws.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): The CFDA is an annual government-wide publication that contains a description and index of all forms of federal assistance. Each program is assigned a "CFDA number," which is used by auditors to track grant revenues under the Single Audit Act. It is also used in participating states by State Single Points of Contact in conducting the required intergovernmental reviews under Executive Order 12372. The CFDA number for all COPS programs is 16.710.

Central Contractor Registry (CCR): Institutions receiving any type of award from the federal government must register with CCR.

Closeout: The process in which the awarding agency, the COPS Office, determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work and conditions of the award have been completed and met by the recipient and awarding agency.

Cognizant Federal Agency: The federal agency that generally provides the most federal financial assistance to the recipient of funds. Cognizance is assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Community Oriented Policing: Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system: Computer database that can track calls for service, maintain status of units available, provide various reports, produce address histories, and support electronic mail. With the installation of integrated CAD systems, officers are able to receive calls for service on their mobile data terminals rather than over the radio. Radios can then be used only for serious emergencies.

Consortium: A consortium is a group of two or more governmental entities that agree to form a partnership to provide law enforcement services to their constituent communities.

COPS Finance Staff: The COPS Finance Staff handle your agency's financial and budgetary needs related to your application. A Staff Accountant is assigned to your state, and is available to answer any questions that you may have concerning the financial aspects of your grant, if awarded. To identify your Staff Accountant, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770, or visit the COPS web site at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

COPS Office: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is the office within the U.S. Department of Justice that, if awarded, is your "grantor" or "awarding" agency for your COPS grant or cooperative agreement. The COPS Office is responsible for administering your grant for the entire grant period. You can reach the COPS Office at 800.421.6770.

DUNS Number: DUNS stands for "data universal numbering system." DUNS numbers are issued by Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) and consist of nine digits. If your institution does not have one, call 1-866-705-5711 to receive one free of charge. You can also request your DUNS number online at www.dnb.com/us.

E-Business Point of Contact (POC): Person who will designate which staff members can submit applications through Grants.gov. When you register with CCR, your institution will be asked to designate an E-Business POC.

Federally Recognized Tribe: Tribal entities that are recognized and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of their status as Indian tribes. They are acknowledged to have the immunities and privileges available to other federally acknowledged Indian tribes by virtue of their government-to-government relationship with the United States as well as the responsibilities, power, limitation, and obligations of such tribes. Only Federally Recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for COPS grant funds. For further information, contact: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services, MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, 202.208.2475.

Gas Mask: A gas mask is connected to a chemical air filter and is used to protect the face and lungs from toxic gases.

Global Positioning System (GPS): Global positioning systems are a series of 24 geosynchronous satellites that continuously transmit their position. Each system is used in personal tracking, navigation, and automatic vehicle location systems.

Grant Number: If awarded, the grant number identifies your agency's specific grant, and can be found on your grant Award Document. This number should be used as a reference when corresponding with the COPS Office. The COPS Office tracks grant information based upon this number.

Interoperable Communications: Communications interoperability refers to the ability to talk across disciplines and jurisdictions via radio communications networks on demand, in real time. Interoperable communications equipment and technology is used to increase interoperability and data information sharing among the law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical service communities.

Local Budget Cycle: Your agency's fiscal year. Some common examples include January 1 to December 31, October 1 to September 30, and July 1 to June 30. Some local budget cycles may extend up to twenty-four (24) months.

M-PIN: Password used by your e-business point of contact to designate which staff members can submit applications to Grants.gov.

Matching Funds: What a locality must contribute as a cash match toward total allowable project costs over the life of the program.

Mobile Data Computer/Laptop: A Mobile Data Computer (MDC) is a computer terminal mounted in a vehicle that is linked via wireless communication to a network that is often integrated with a CAD system. MDCs enable officers to complete previously handwritten reports on a computer. This often eliminates the need to enter duplicate information on multiple reports.

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS): A comprehensive reporting database. Agencies provide individual records for eight index crimes and 38 other offenses.

Obligation of Funds: If this application is awarded, the COPS Office "obligates" federal funds when the grant Award Document is signed by the Director or his/her designated official. For the grantee, grant funds are "obligated" when monies are spent directly on purchasing items approved under the grant or cooperative agreement. The term encumbrance is often times used at the local and state levels to describe this type of transaction. Liquidated obligations are considered cash outlays or monies actually spent. Unliquidated obligations are obligations incurred and recorded but not yet paid (accrual basis of accounting) or not yet recorded and not yet paid (cash basis of accounting).

OJP Vendor Number/EIN Number: This is your agency's nine-digit federal tax identification number assigned to you by the IRS. Your accounting/bookkeeping department should have this number. If your EIN previously has been assigned to another agency within your jurisdiction, the Office of the Comptroller will assign a new OJP vendor number to you. The new assigned number is to be used for administrative purposes only, in connection with this grant program, and should not be used for IRS purposes.

ORI (Originating Agency Identifier) Number: This number is assigned by the FBI and is your agency's originating agency identifier. The first two letters are your state abbreviation, the next three numbers are your county's code, and the final two numbers identify your jurisdiction within your county. When you contact the COPS Office with a question, you can use the ORI number, and we will be able to assist you. If you are a previous COPS grant recipient, you may have been assigned an ORI number through the COPS Office if the FBI had not previously assigned your agency this identifier number.

Primary Law Enforcement Authority: An agency with primary law enforcement authority is the agency that is the first responder to calls for service, and has ultimate and final responsibility for the prevention, detection, and/or investigation of violations of criminal laws within its jurisdiction.

The Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994:

The COPS Office is charged with fulfilling the mandates of this law. The purposes of the law are to:

- Increase the number of community policing officers on the beat
- Provide additional and more effective training to law enforcement officers to enhance their problem-solving, service, and other skills needed in interacting with members of the community
- Encourage the development and implementation of innovative programs to permit members of the community to assist law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime
- Encourage the development of new technologies to assist law enforcement agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime.

Supplanting: COPS grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds that would be made available in the absence of federal COPS grant funding. Program funds must be used to increase the amount of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds otherwise budgeted for the grant purposes, plus any additional state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds budgeted for these purposes. For further information regarding supplanting, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770.

Waivers: A waiver of the local match requirement is available to applicants under some COPS programs that require a local match. Requests for a waiver, however, are not accepted for the SOS program.

Appendix B: Intergovernmental Review Process, Points of Contact by State

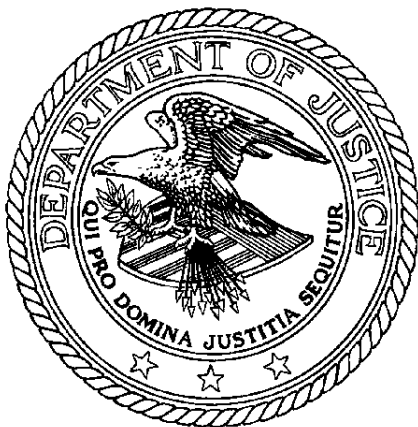
Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government, or other organizations or individuals providing service within a state, to submit a copy of the application to the state Single Point of Contact (SPOC), if one exists, and if this program has been selected for review by the state. Before the application due date, you must contact your state SPOC to find out if this program has been selected for review and comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance reference for this program is number 16.710 "Public Safety and Community Policing Grants."

A current list of state SPOCs is listed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>. States that are not listed have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC.

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